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Student opinions vary on text alerts

Summer emergency messages delayed, not received by some students

Logan Papen junior staff writer

K-State alert messages are intended to communicate emergency information to students, including but not limited to severe weather and wanted persons on campus.

While students like the idea of the text alert system, which is readily available, recently the efficiency and reception of it have

been called into question.

One recent alert concerned a wanted man seen around campus over the summer break.

"The intruder alert was slightly delayed, but I still got it," said Cameron Thomsen, sophomore in family studies and human services.

Justin Kannard, senior in graphic design, said he never received the alert about the intruder but has had no other problems with the system.

Those in charge of sending the text alerts out, however, said there was no delay on their part.

"We got the message at around 1:30 and sent it out immediately," said Steven Galitzer, director for the Division of Public Safety. "We received the message four hours after the suspect had been sighted."

He said the time on the message sent by Riley County was not modified, so it read a different time than when the message was actually sent out to students.

The K-State Alert System includes text alerts, voice mail alerts, e-mails, open alert boxes in various buildings around campus, tornado sirens and a web page override that blocks out a space on K-State's home

The text alerts are only used if necessary, and we don't want to abuse them," Galitzer said. "We only want to use them if

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SETTLINGIN



More than 200 students visited the K-State Student Union Thursday for its Expo and Activities Carnival, which filled the ground floor with booths.

Expo event draws students, promotes involvement

Kayla Duskie junior staff writer

A snake, funnel cakes, and students dancing the "Cupid Shuffle." All three of these seemingly unrelated objects were located at the Union Expo and Activities Carnival in the K-State Stu-

dent Union Thursday night. The event, sponsored by the Union Program Council and the Office of Student Activities and Services, included over 200 diverse student clubs, activities and groups, a number that has grown over the years.

"The idea of the expo was to provide a place for students to hang out and mingle, and also provide a place for students and groups to showcase what is going on around campus," said Christina Ballew, sophomore in hotel and restaurant management and UPC member. "There were a lot more student groups this year, so there are booths on all three floors of the Union."

Ballew said she wanted to emphasize to students that the event was not just another activities carnival with

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fair." Students for Environmental Action, a club that advocates environmental

recruiting at the expo.

Lydia Travis and Kaitlyn Klipowicz, seniors in interior design and members of SEA, said the group received more interest this year than in years past, partly due to the booth's new location in the Union.

responsibility, was one of the groups

Several students who attended the event said they were excited to find activities that fit their interests.

"This is my first year at K-State, and I found a club about sky diving

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Students, community members plan to make city bike-friendly

Designers generate more than 1 million new ideas to improve Manhattan

Hilary Burton

Students, city staff, community members and K-State faculty gathered together at the K-State Alumni Center on Wednesday afternoon to discuss the future of bikes in Manhattan. This is the second year the Department of Landscape Architecture/Regional and Community Planning has held this two-day event called Design Days.

Stephanie Rolley, head of the department, said Design Days was the faculty's idea.

"A couple years ago an internationally known program held a design week at K-State that went really well," she said. "After that success, we decided we could hold our own mini-

This year, the department teamed up with Michael Wesch, assistant professor of cultural anthropology, and Ben Champion, director of sustainability for Design Days' "Cruise. Commute. Connect." workshop to stimulate new ideas for a more bike-friendly Manhattan.

The purpose of Design Days is to tackle a community dilemma," Rolley said. "In Manhattan, city boards and committees, as well as community



Heather Scott |

members, have expressed high concerns for cyclists.'

Divided into 21 design teams, 170 students were given 48 hours to develop new design

Student teams were assigned various locations in Manhattan. These on-site teams addressed a number of questions about the location. Questions included, "Can a biker get to the K-State campus from that area?" and "Are these routes safe?"

Based on the analysis of the

area, students then worked together to create a design catering to the needs assessed. This year, after the 48 hours had been completed, the design teams had developed 1,789,562 new ideas for a more bike-friendly Manhattan.

After coming up with improvement plans for the cycling community, students created an interactive exhibit set up in the center to showcase their ideas.

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Look of K-State's main website updated for first time since 2006

Design team wants to draw student viewers, make features available

Pauline Kennedy campus editor

With the start of a brand new semester comes a fresh face for the K-State home page. Adding changes to the layout, aesthetics and links of the page, the marketing team in charge of the website is hoping to make it both inviting to prospective students and

user-friendly for all visitors. 'We wanted to move to a more modern look and feel," said Janelle Corkill, team lead web specialist for the Office of Mediated Education.

She said the page had not been updated since 2006, and they knew that with a newer administration, it would be a good time to push to update the site.

Corkill said it was definitely a goal to draw new students to the website, but they also wanted it to have a fresher look with more features available.

"I really like the changes, the appearance and the added features," said Micaela Torres, freshman in life sciences.

Torres said as a new student, she relies on the home page to find her way to other important K-State websites, and said she likes that everything she needs to find is accessible directly from the home page.



At the same time, other students didn't notice the changes. Shahna Campbell, sophomore in political science, said she wasn't aware of the changes because she doesn't usually use the home page.

"I always go straight to the website I want," she said.

The graphics on the K-State home page are not the only aspects of the site due for a change.

Jeff Morris, vice president for communications and marketing, said they have a research team in place and will be making small changes throughout the semester.

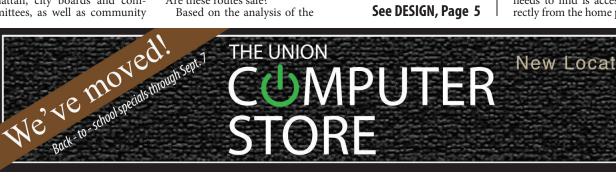
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Authorized **Campus Store** people search on and what people click on," he said.

Morris said he hopes that by tracking visitor use of the website, they can make improvements that will help users navigate more efficiently.

While graphics were the first step in the renovation of the website, he said the marketing and web design teams are hoping to make the content and navigation of the site the next step.

The teams are planning on improving the news section, making the calendar easier to read and making the site easier to navigate with drop-down







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WEEKLY BLOTTER

ARREST REPORTS

WEDNESDAY

Jacob Morgan Canady, of the 3700 block of Persimmon Circle, was booked on a burglary charge. Bond was set at \$3,000.

Melanie Jo Copeland, of the 1600 block of Leavenworth Street, was booked on a charge of driving with a canceled, suspended or revoked license. Bond was set at \$1,500.

THURSDAY

Taylor Charles Niehues, of the 1100 block of Bluemont Avenue, was booked on charges of falsely reporting a crime, false impersonation and disorderly conduct. Bond was set at \$3,000.

Caitlyn Leigh Sleconich, of the 1200 block of Centennial Drive, was booked on charges of driving under the influence and purchase or consumption of alcoholic liquor by a minor. Bond was set at \$750.

Jonathan Edward Voegeli, of the 1700 block of Bower Drive, was booked on a charge of driving under the influence. Bond was set at \$1,000.



POLICE REPORTS

Austin Enns staff writer

LOCAL MAN WALKS MILES AFTER TRUCK CRASHES

A local man was transported to Mercy Regional Hospital early Thursday morning after crashing into a guardrail, according to a police report from the Riley County Police Department.

Michael Webb, 23, was southbound on Calvary Road at 2 a.m. in his 2008 Dodge Ram when he veered off the west side and struck a guardrail, according to the report. Lt. Herb Crosby of the RCPD said Webb traveled down the guardrail and into the ditch, where the truck rolled several times. Webb then walked several miles to his house from the site of the accident in the 9900 block of Calvary.

Crosby said Webb received minor injuries.

COUPLE CAUGHT IN ALLEY

A man and women in Aggieville were issued a notice to appear in court for public nudity, according to police.

Crosby said Tamara Christensen, 28, and David Henderson, 26, were caught making out in the 1200

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School to add safer entrance, new gym

Construction scheduled to finish August 2011 at Theodore Roosevelt

Tiara Williams staff writer

Construction around town seems to affect more than just traffic. Planned construction at Theodore Roosevelt Elementary School has changed plans for the annual school event. A groundbreaking ceremony will be held at the school on

"It is a goal of the district to have secure entrances to school buildings," said Andrea Tiede, principal of Roosevelt School. "We haven't had any problems, but we are trying to be proactive because the safety of the students is our No. 1 priority."

Beginning Jan. 1, 2011, the school will add a new gym and kindergarten area to the east side of the building. The old gym will be transformed into offices and a library, providing a secure entrance for the building. By the time school starts again in August 2011, the construction is expected to be finished.

At a Parent Teacher Organization meeting, in which the construction was discussed, the spring carnival was canceled due to lack of space. Emmily Olgierson, mother of a first and third grader at Roosevelt School, said she thought it would be fun to do something in the fall since springtime was not an option. She organized the 2010 spring carnival and plans to make a 2011 spring carnival possible.

"With the carnival being in the fall, we will have use of the green area (grass) and the playground since those places would be otherwise taken over by construction in the spring," Tiede said. "The annual event will go from spring carnival to fall festi-

Olgierson, P.T.O member, said she realized the festival is a big family affair and parents should get to spend

time with their children. She heard about K-State volunteers from parents who have children at other schools whose P.T.O.'s used their help for various events.

"Lots of parents volunteer during the school day and stuff like that, but at events like this, they miss moments with their kids," she said. "Student volunteers at K-State ease parents' responsibilities and take some pressure off."

Sara Weber worked with Olgierson to successfully mobilize volunteers to help with the fall festival.

The partnerships started with the 2010 spring carnival, which was Olgierson's first time being in charge of the event. Weber said the KState Volunteer Center acts as a connection point between volunteers and community organizations in need.

Roosevelt School Fall Festival is scheduled for Sat., Oct. 9 from noon to 4 p.m. There will be pumpkins for a pumpkin patch, inflatables from Little Apple Movement, miniature trains to ride, K-State insects, group pie-eating contests, food from Friendship House in Wamego and prizes and games. Willie the Wildcat might attend and Home Depot might provide a kids' workshop.

Olgierson said she has

Olgierson said she has been very busy, but it is fun to see it all come together.

"It is a lot of little details, but most are phone calls," she said. "I figured out a lot of things from the spring carnival can be carried over, but since it's in the fall, we have a new theme — pumpkins and all that — but it hasn't been too challenging."

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The groundbreaking ceremony is the day before the festival to give a chance to celebrate the changes coming with the community, parents and students.

"I am so impressed with the strong ties of the community," Tiede said. "It is only my second year here as principal and it is so great everyone can get together and celebrate all the wonderful things about this school."

Band: Manhattan show like coming home

Cloverton opens Thursday at Kathouse Lounge, trying to go national

Vestoria Simmons staff writer

Local Christian rock band Cloverton performed Thursday night at the Kathouse Lounge as an opening act for band Stars Go Dim.

"I enjoy their music; they have some great high-energy songs and also some nice more relaxed acoustic songs," said Carmen Phillips, freshman in open option. "I know of the band from my church; the lead singer and bass player actually helped my family and I clean up our house after the tornado hit in 2008. They are really involved in the church and I've been supportive of their band ever since."

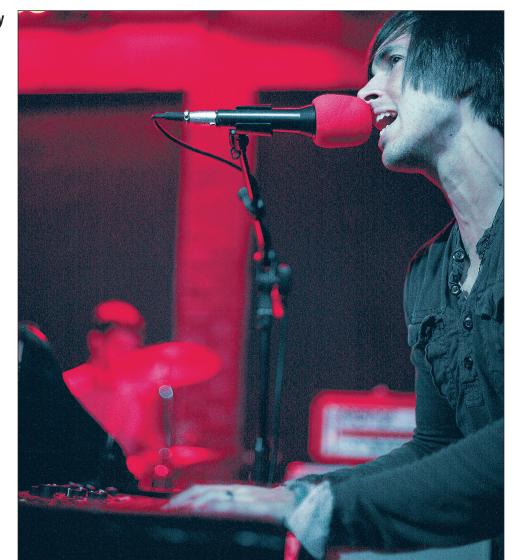
Phillips attended the concert with her two roommates whom she introduced the band's music

The band recently had a performance in Memphis, Tenn., as an opening act for Christian music artist TobyMac, who was nominated for and won a Grammy last year. Cloverton won the performance as a part of a contest they entered online for Camp Electric, a Christian music camp in Nashville, Tenn., for youth ages 13 to 18. The band won the contest called "Rock the Camp" by sending in videos of their music. The contest was sponsored by national radio station K-LOVE.

"It was a lot of fun opening up for TobyMac and we also got a chance to know the students and hang out with them," said Kirby LeMoine, Cloverton's drummer.

LeMoine said the band was excited to be recognized by a national radio station.

"We are trying to get on the national scene for sure," LeMoine said. "It's harder to book shows because nobody's really



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Lance Stafford, the lead singer of Cloverton, plays his piano during the band's homecoming concert Thursday night at the Kathouse Lounge that was headlined by Stars Go Dim.

heard of us yet except for connections we've established with local churches. In order to make this full-time, we need to perform shows all over the U.S.; it's hard to keep busy as [a] band and book more shows without that national recognition."

All the members of the band, Lance Stafford, lead singer, Layne Stafford, bass player, Tim Brantl, guitar, Matt Brownguitar, and LeMoine, drummer, are from western Kansas, LeMoine

"Manhattan is home to us; a few of the guys were actually born and raised in Manhattan,"

LeMoine said.

LeMoine said the band met

the headlining act Stars Go Dim through Camp Electric.

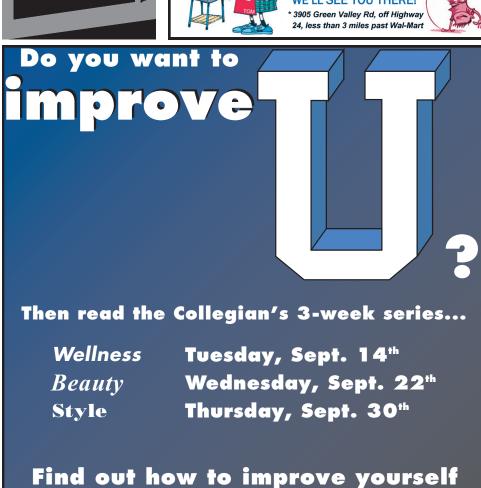
"They needed an opening band for their concert so they brought us in because they knew us," LeMoine said. "We've actually traveled to Oklahoma and did a show with them before. They're really cool guys and a lot of fun to hang out with."





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Student shares observations of American culture



K-Stater from India

Bill Gates, Nike, Harley-Davidson, Hollywood. Super-consumerism,

divorces, free sex!

My first impression of the USA when I came here five years ago was of the patriotism of her people. When we landed in the Kansas City airport, an elderly lady asked a soldier who accompanied us to lead our way to show gratitude, and everybody followed him. The country had been in war

was under military/paramilitary control for 10 years to fight against indigenous insurgency. I was in the habit of seeing military men as limiters of our freedom of speech.

However, my perception has changed, as I see it's necessary to subdue the evil of insurgency which suppresses the soul of every human.

The calm town of Manhattan attracted my attention because of its wonderfully friendly people and extreme temperatures. Summer is wonderful, as it is the time we play games like cricket and soccer under the slanting sun. This is fol-lowed by fall, which brings a mul-titude of colors both to the leaves and ground below. Winter is less forgiving, to say the least. The first year, snow was most excit-ing. Then it was all downhill every winter.

I have also been teaching organic chemistry labs for the last four years, and my experiences as an instructor have enriched my cultural understanding. I am struck have seriously compromised math skills. Cross multiplication seems to be very baffling!

As a student in India, I was not encouraged to ask a question in the lecture, as questioning elders was a taboo in our culture that is slowly beginning to change. My first semester teaching was met with the cultural shock of volleys of questions from students, and it was always more diffi-cult to answer "why" than "how." This changed my attitude toward asking questions in a classroom or seminar, ultimately contributing to intellectual evolution.

Speaking of evolution, I was also surprised by the controversy over teaching Charles Darwing another the control of the contro win's evolution theory in Kansas schools. As students progress from high school to college, the under-graduate and graduate textbooks and leading scientific literature discuss evolution but not "intelligent design," confusing the students. Evolution theory is an integral part of the Indian education system, although the country is religiously conservative.

Sense of humor is very much culture-based. Most Indian humor is based on a person's idiosyncrasies, and I had a hard time the first few semesters when students used to complain that my jokes were "mean." But the good news was that one of my American instructor friends told me she heard the same complaint about herself. What a relief; I was not alone! When I changed the tone and situations, I started to have OK reviews. I believe that I've started to understand American humor better after watching George Carlin and "Everybody Loves Raymond."

Diversity is an integral part of both Indian and American culture, and it is probably one of the most important reasons why Indians feel at home in this country. Diversity engenders tolerance, cohesion and respect for different points of view.

Five years down the line, what does America mean to me? Freedom of thought and speech, the courage to dream and dream big, super organizing skills and, above all, a country that can adapt to social, political, economic, demographic and cultural changes and tremors which, in turn, lead to in-

Mausam Kalita is a Ph.D. graduate student in chemistry. Please send comments to opinion@spub.ksu.

STREET TALK What's the best thing about being back at K-State?

"I'm back on my



Michael Hampton SOPHOMORE, FINANCE

"All the friendly people and my classes are interesting."



Jessica Thomson FRESHMAN, ANIMAL SCIENCE AND PRE-VET

"Friendly environment and when you walk by people smile and wave."



Kaite Reece JUNIOR, ANTHROPOLOGY

"The people are nice, campus is beautiful and the teachers are helpful."



Frank Mortello SOPHOMORE, HISTORY

"The basketball and football programs and the people are hospitable, and the teachers are nice."



Koio Asamoah FRESHMAN, ENTREPRENEURSHIP

"I like taking responsibility and living on my own, so when I finish a task it feels good because I did it on my own."



Blair Wilen FRESHMAN, MARKETING

"The'l can do whatever I want feeling."



Breanna Stewart SOPHOMORE, MUSIC THEATER

"The atmosphere, everyone is friendly and involved and there is a lot of school spirit."



Becca Passannante FRESHMAN, GRAPHIC DESIGN

"Seeing everyone I didn't see over the summer and a new batch of students."



Megan Strain GRADUATE STUDENT, SOCIAL PSYCHOLOGY

What did America mean to me before coming here? Michael Jackson, Madonna, Bill Clinton,

for me, as I grew up in Assam, a northeastern state of India, which

on two fronts: Iraq and Afghaniby the honest, polite students at K-State, although most of them This was an amazing event

Women's rights compromised in China



Former K-Stater from China

On June 1, new legislation came into force in Guangzhou, China, as a supplement of Guangzhou Regulations on the Protection of the Rights and Interests of Women. The new legislation gives married people the right to acquire information on any business, real estate or vehicle that is under their spouse's name.

According to this legislation, the administration of industry and commerce, real estate management and the vehicle registration office in Guangzhou are obligated to cooperate with any married person requesting his or her spouse's estate infor-

Needless to say, this legislation was intended to protect the interest of housewives and large numbers of women whose income is significantly lower than their husbands'. Just like in any other male-dominated society, married women in China are disadvantaged by the fact that their hard work at home is directly consumed by family members without ever entering the labor market and turning into income.

Although the marriage jurisprudence defines that a husband and a wife have equal rights to an estate generated between both of them, there has been no legal assurance to back up a couple's right to know about any estate that might be solely under one spouse's name, unless a divorce is filed for. By the time a divorce is filed for, part of the joint estate has often already been maliciously transferred under a third party's name, like the husband's parents or a concubine's name, and is no longer subject to partition.

A 2009 survey by Chinese Women's Weekly showed 13.5 percent of married Chinese women believe their husbands have hidden or transferred part of their joint estate. The new legislation is clearly a step forward for backing up the marriage jurisprudence by granting a legal right



to know.

However, the new legislation received quite a bit of opposition, as observed on the Internet. Multiple websites have initiated surveys regarding this legislation.

The survey results vary, but two main points of opposition stand out. One of them argues that allowing a couple to "check on" each other will generate conflict and promote divorce. The other says it is a public authority's intensive interference

with family life. I have to say I don't agree with either argument. People will only think of using their legal right to investigate their spouses when trust issues already exist. Not giving them a right to look into the joint estate under their spouse's name will not make the trust issue go away. On the contrary, in case there is misunderstanding, it would be a good thing if an easy and quick investigation can clarify it. If one party is indeed maliciously hiding or transferring joint estate, the other party should take

action, which might include divorce. Protection of people's rights within a marriage is what makes people choose marriage over cohabitation in the first place and is far more important than keeping

the nation's divorce rate down. Also, the new legislation does not force couples to check on each other; it just gives them such an option, so it is not "interference." It is a measure to prevent the joint estate action in the marriage jurisprudence from becoming merely a form of phrase-

mongering. Among different groups of people, married women above 40 years old support the new legislation the most, at nearly a 90 percent support rate. This tells me women are the major victims of malicious transferring and hiding of joint estate, and it might take years after their marriage before they realize their vulnerabili-

A month after the new legislation came into force, the female-voiced journalists went to the administration of industry and commerce as well as the vehicle registration office in Guangzhou with proper paperwork, requesting information on their spouses' estates. They got zero cooperation. The answers they got were: "The info is not available" or "We haven't got notification that we need to comply with this legislation"

or "We have confidentiality policies." This didn't surprise me at all. In China, after a law is passed in favor of women, it is at the mercy of numerous relevant departments and agents. They have the power to turn these kinds of legislation into decorations by simply not cooperating. The how and why will be too long of a story. Look at the legislation against domestic violence: It looks beautiful in the code, but men seldom get arrested for beating up their wives unless the victim is crippled or dead.

In the U.S., one can check on a joint estate under his or her spouse's name by credit report or court order. However, a person's right to joint estate within a marriage still can't be guaranteed because the "cash route" can still be taken for malicious estate

Compared to American women, Chinese women are in a much more vulnerable situation. I think instead of pinning their hopes on lawmak-"lifesaving legislations," Chinese women should protect themselves by knowing the mechanism of the society they are in, and keeping their eyes peeled both when entering and living a married life. It may sound sad, but it is necessary.

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TEXT | Improvements planned for alerts

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there is an immediate threat students should be notified

There are students who like the text alert system.

'I get the text alerts, e-mail alerts and call alerts, which are accurate, up-to-date and fast," said Kirsten Stack, senior in human resources and market-

The dangerous wind storm that hit Aug. 13 was another example of the importance of the system's how the timeliness of the system is important to students' safety.

"When the wind storm hit I got a text about it," said Jenna Butterfield, senior in marketing. "I wasn't on campus, but it's good to know what's going on even when I'm not here."

Galitzer said while the staff does its best to get alerts out as soon as possible, there are moments when they have little time to react.

"We had only a minute's notice on the wind storm," he said. "There are three tornado sirens on our campus. We only had a minute's notice because of Riley County's weather department being hit with a blackout. There were sirens that still went off around town due to battery backup, but some did not have battery backup and failed to go

Text alerts are not the only alert systems on campus with problems. During the storm, administrators said the sirens on campus did not sound.

"There was a computer problem that kept it from happening on campus," said Steve Broccolo, emergency management coordinator for the Division of Public Safety. "There is frustration about K-State Alerts and the problems we face, but a lot of times there's not a simple answer."

He said for efficiency purposes, they have pre-existing messages for events like tornado warnings or other severe weather. There are currently alert boxes installed in Eisenhower, Seaton, Durland, Fiedler, Rathbone, Throckmorton, Ackert and Chalmers Halls, Seaton Court and all of the residence halls.

Galitzer and Broccolo said more improvements are in store for the alert system.

"Willard is next for an alert box, and within the next few years, our goal is the whole campus will have them," Galitzer said.

Both men encouraged all students to sign up for text alerts and the rest of the system if they have not already done so.



At the K-State Chess Club booth, chess instructor **Ray Paul** plays against two students at the same time during the Union Expo Thursday. Paul said he had been playing chess for many years.

DESIGN Dept. head: Event's turnout wonderful

EXPO Groups seek new members at event

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Organizers have been work-

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ing groups to participate and

working with them throughout

Rolley said she was thrilled to see the turnout at the ex-

"This room is filled with city staff members, students and community members," she said. "It's really wonder-

Caprice Becker, Manhattan resident and exhibit attendee who read about this event in the paper, said she agreed.

"I really was not expecting it to be this packed," she said. Becker said she would like to see some of the ideas proposed at the event actually implemented.

There are many wonderful ideas that demand little in terms of city budget," she said. "I would especially like to see improved sidewalk areas, as well as some of the proposed changes around Bluemont and downtown."

It will be up to the city whether any of these ideas are implemented or not.

There are big ideas that could take a lot of funding, but there are also small ideas or small changes that could make a big difference," Rolley

Despite the excitement about making Manhattan a more bike-friendly community, Rolley said this project is not just about helping Man-

"It's also about building community within the department itself, helping the students become more familiar with the town and furthering their knowledge in landscape architecture," she said. "It's so exciting to see all the creative ideas the students come up with in just 48 hours.'

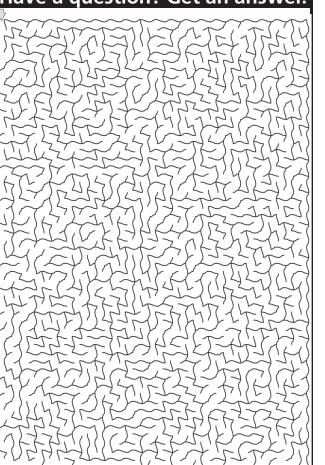
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EUROPEAN TOUR

Volleyball team enjoys sports, leisure on summer trip



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The K-State volleyball team poses in Heroes' Square in Budapest, Hungary. The team went to dinner with the Hungarian women's national team after a four-game match.

Team members encounter former K-Staters on the court, in the street

Sam Nearhood

In May, the volleyball team went international with a nine-day tour of international matches and

sightseeing in Europe. First on the itinerary was a four-day stop in Hungary, where K-State took on the Hungarian National Team in a four-game match. The Wildcats got to see a familiar face on the other side of the net in Rita Lilliom, former outside hitter for K-State from 2004 to 2008, playing one of her first games for the national team against her alma mater. Another former Wildcat, Vall Hejjas, was in the stands watching due to a recent knee surgery.

Sophomore middle blocker Alex Muff said this match was one of the hardest of the trip, which ultimately proved useful for building up the young team.

"We played the Hungarian women's national team, which was great competition for us, and so it was good," she said. "It was great competition out there." However, the trip was not all

and the Wildcats saw some of the sights in Budapest and Kecskemét, including a Hungarian horse show. From there, the team headed west for a two-day stay in Slovenia,

which many players said was their

work. After the match, the two

teams shared a meal together,

favorite part of the trip.

"I really liked Slovenia," said sophomore opposite hitter Kath-leen Ludwig. "We kind of under-estimated it — none of us really knew much about it - and it was honestly one of the most beautiful places we've seen, and everyone was great. It was neat. It was a place I definitely want to return to and visit again."

The Wildcats joined OK Vital both days for a couple of matches and spent the rest of their time touring Ljublana, the capital and largest city. While the team was walking around, a stranger noticed the team's purple gear and introduced himself as a K-State alumnus.

"Slovenia is a beautiful place with gorgeous landscape and friendly people," head coach Suzie

Fritz said in her online letter. "It is certainly someplace that a lot of people in our group want to visit

For the last leg of the trip, the team went to Venice, Italy, for a quick day and a half in the Floating City, which included a friendly match and spaghetti feed hosted by the Italian team.

After the trip, Muff said she would definitely remember the time spent on another continent.

"I just think that it was a great experience for all of us," she said. We got to go somewhere where hardly any of us have ever been before, and it was kind of an eyeopener for a lot of us to see how other people live."

Fritz and sophomore setter Caitlyn Donahue summed up the essence of the multinational tour. The coach's favorite part of the trip

was the interaction between herself and her team.

'[It] was just being able to kind of hang out with my team for nine days," Fritz said. "For me, it wasn't about what I was seeing; it was more just about seeing it with my

In Donahue's online travel blog, she said she enjoyed discovering the difference in cultures but sameness in people.

"It was so neat to talk to the girls and compare the differences between our cultures and volleyball," she said. "But all in all they were just the same as us. Although they lived almost 24 hours away, they shared the same passion for the sport of volleyball, and we were able to connect with them as if they were our own teammates."

Sports combine being adult, kid



The beauty of sports is its versatility. It can be meaningful, providing a sense of accomplishment, but it can also be meaningless,

providing only fun and memories. As I went through my notes on interviews with players over the past year, I found one account in particular that really exemplified this for me.

After the 2009 football season ended, I talked to Jeron Mastrud, who caught more passes than any tight end in K-State history. This is a coach's kid, who earned First Team Academic All-Big 12 honors three years and Second Team Academic All-America honors twice. Upon graduating, he signed a freeagent contract with the Tampa Bay Buccaneers of the NFL.

Mastrud credits his parents, both teachers, with teaching him how to be both a good player and a good person. He said he just wants to put his best into all he does and let that speak for itself.

With his many achievements, Mastrud has built an impressive resume and a strong foundation for his future — a serious accomplishment. And yet ... there is a lighter side.

When I spoke to Mastrud, I asked an off-beat question, just for grins: What was the funniest moment of your K-State career?

He started laughing and told me he could talk for a year about that, but after sorting through his memories for one appropriate for

publication, he told me this: "My freshman year, me and my roommates Carson Coffman, John

Houlik and Josh Freeman, took the couch out of the Haymaker lobby and put it in our room. We actually took a few pieces because we didn't have any furniture in there, so we made the living room out of the dorm stuff. And in the middle of our [football team] meetings — we're all dressed in our football gear — they came in and told us we had to all go back to the dorms and put all that stuff back where it belongs before we could practice.

"So we had to go back into the dorm wearing ... our tight, short pants; we had ankle braces on, our jerseys on, and everyone was just staring, like, 'What are they doing moving all their stuff out of their room? At first it was embarrassing, and we were just like, 'Are you kidding? Why do we have to do

I thought it was funny. I can just imagine Coach Bill Snyder ordering the boys back to their dorm to restore lobby furniture to its proper place.

To me, this story reiterated that although playing sports, both college and professional, is a job, it also has meaning beyond the wallet and the resume. Football will lead Mastrud to money, but it also leaves him with memories. For him and many others, the physical achievements go hand in hand with the making of friendships memories.

Maybe that's why I like sports so much. I see the business side of it, more now than before, but I can't get the other side out of my head. Playing basketball at the playground and gym growing up, throwing the football with my dad in the backyard, accidentally plunking my then-little sister in the head with a softball ... the list goes on.

I think that's why a lot of other people like sports too. As we grow up, we have to give things up and let things go. When we play or watch sports, it's as if we never did.

Volleyball to play top teams in season opener

Despite the challenge, Fritz says the team is 'well-prepared'

Sam Nearhood

A beach-side hotel, plane flights, five days in Hawaii and missing a few days of class: What more could you want in the first week of school? How about a three-day athletic competition against some of the top schools in the country?

This weekend, the K-State volleyball team opens its season with non-conference play against the University of California at Los Angeles (UCLA), the University of Hawaii at Honolulu and the University of San Diego, all ranked in the American Volleyball Coaches Association preseason poll. K-State head coach Suzie Fritz doesn't seem to be worried, though, despite the odds.

"I feel very well-prepared going into the tournament in terms of how much we were able to accomplish in a very short period of time," Fritz said. "I feel like we're about as prepared as we can be going into a very, very difficult and competitive

situation? On Friday, K-State will play its season opener against No. 16 UCLA. Last season, the Bruins finished with a 24-9 record, which included wins over powerhouse teams like Nebraska and California, but because they return only two seniors an outside hitter and a defensive specialist - they dropped slightly in the poll. The history between the two teams is rather scarce, with only three previous matchups — two of which were in tournaments hosted by Hawaii.

After a day of rest, the



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Wildcats will suit back up, this time against one of the top teams in the country and the tournament host: the University of Hawaii at

Honolulu. No. 5 Hawaii — which has 14 straight conference titles, nearly flawless con-ference records in the formidable Western Athletic Conference — made it to the Final Four in last season's NCAA tournament before losing to the threetime national champions. This year, however, it lost five seniors and two juniors, shifting its overall age closer to K-State's. The Rainbow

Wahine closed 2009 with only three losses, boosting its bid for a 15th title this season.

The Wildcats cap their first tournament appearance with an evening match on Sunday against No. 22 University of San Diego. Unlike the other contestants at the tournament, the Toreros have a more evenly balanced roster, with a handful of returning upperclassmen and incoming freshmen. This could give San Diego an advantage as they look for another competitive season after finishing the last one 18-7. Returning right-side hitter Ali Troost - who recorded 39 aces in 2009 - is expected to lead the offensive attack again this season with fellow senior Kelsi Myers as setter. Troost and Myers present a lethal combination due to their experience together.

K-State has its own strengths, though, Fritz said, and should not be disregarded as the underdog.

"We've been able to hit on a lot of things; we've been able to improve on a lot of things," she said. "So, I guess I'm optimistic about where we are at this point in the



CONCRETE GARDEN

Historic mausoleum provides unusual day trip for students



Ashton Archer staff writer

Just off I-70 lies a quiet town with a unique and interesting attraction — the Garden of Eden.

It brings tourists from all over the world to the town of Lucas, Kan. It's something so out of the

ordinary, so weird, that the even locals think it's odd.

So what the Garden of Eden? It's a hand-built house with a garden surround-

ed by two

story-high

sculptures and a mausoleum. The garden was built by Samuel Perry Dinsmoor, a Civil War veteran and Freemason who moved his family to Lucas

The house is built out of post rock limestone in the style of a log cabin, which

of the time were made with square blocks instead of long, narrow lengths. Dinsmoor also hand-carved all the interior woodwork of the home. No two doors or windows are the same size. He started building in 1907 at age 64 and worked

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senior curator for the Beach fox pen and

area visitors. There are over 50 sculptures in the garden, most of which depict biblical stories and political opin-

Museum of Art. a picnic

ions. Book of Genesis, starting with statues of Adam - most limestone houses of Cain and Abel and a and lawyer.



The Garden of Eden in Lucas, Kan., is a monumental work of art constructed by Samuel Perry Dinsmoor, a veteran of the Civil War who used concrete and 30 tools to built his house and the garden.

sculpture of the devil with glowing eyes, after which the sculptures transition populist political into Some of the podepict stories from the litical sculptures include a common man named Labor being crucified by is unique to the residence and Eve. Next is the story a doctor, preacher, banker

Tracy Mahoney, senior in business management, said her favorite part was the outdoor cement art-

work "Cement is so unforgiving, and yet this man did it, over and over again. It fascinating, and you get his roots art.

message, his obsession,"

Mahoney said. People from all over the country and the world come to the Garden of Eden. Some stop by after an afternoon at nearby Wilson Lake, and others lacks refinement, but it is come for the unique grass-

"It's particularly inspirational because it shows what a person with imagination can do, and a nonconformist can do," said Jon Blumb, president of the Garden of Eden, Inc.

Some groups tour the grounds because of the educational and historical importance.

Kansas has a long and significant tradition of grassroots art. This tradition is one of the defining features of the culture of the visual arts in the state," said Bill North, senior curator for the Marianna Kistler Beach Museum of Art. "It's an opportunity to experience one of the great monuments of grassroots art and to learn a great deal about the history and culture of Kansas."

Others come to the Garden of Eden just because of curiosity.

'We had heard it talked about for years and we wanted to see for ourselves," Mahoney said.

The attraction is of the Eight Wonders of Kansas Art.

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Time away: Questions for student who studied in Costa Rica

Elena Buckner edge editor

Casey Bell is the first of our series on international travel, which will run on Fridays. We will be featuring K-State students who are studying abroad or have in the past, as well as international students studying here. Bell, senior in education and modern languages, studied in Costa Rica.

Q: What was your academic schedule like? Did you choose your classes or were they set for you? (If you chose, how did you choose which classes to take?)

I took two classes and was in class from 8am to 2pm Monday- Friday. I got to choose my own classes and I chose them because there were not many classes offered that I had not already taken at K-State, so I picked the two that fit best with my majors.

Q: What kind of accommodation did you have? What did you do for food?

I lived in a house with a ONLINE Costa Rican For the full woman and interview she washed our clothes check out the cooked Collegian's and us breakfast website. and dinner. For lunch, we

had to get our own food so we would go to a restaurant close to campus or the cafeteria or we would buy some fruit from street vendors on the way home and cut it up at home.

Q: How did the class/instructor interaction compare to KSU? Did you find any language or cultural barriers



Casey Bell, a senior in education and modern languages, stands outside the K-State Student Union Thursday afternoon. Bell traveled to Costa Rica to study abroad.

that made it hard to learn?

My classes were really small. My first class was two students and my second was five. I did not have any big

language or cultural barriers that made it hard to learn, but one thing that was different culturally was that they have "tico time" which means they start late or arrive late. It was

hard to get used to showing up to school at 8 a.m. every day and my professor was either not there or in the classroom talking with other teachers. We usually started class 15-20 minutes late.

Q: Was there a main problem" around campus? (Theft, cheating, violence,

I did not have any big problem; one difference was that over there you see a lot of PDA. Pretty much in any open area there is at least one couple laying down making out or rolling around in the grass. I was told that this is because the houses are so small that they cannot do those things at home, so they do them in public.

Q: What did you do on the weekends?

Traveled with other studyabroad students. We saw a volcano eruption, went on a road trip to the rainforest, got lost a few times, went on a cruise, hiked up a volcano and went to some of the beaches in Costa Rica.

Q: What was the most popular night for drinking and where did people go to drink? What was the most common drink of choice?

Probably Friday or Saturday and people went to some of the bars around campus. There was a street called "calle amargura" and it was similar to the Aggieville of K-State. The most popular drink was the beer of Costa Rica: Imperial. It was also interesting to

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Exciting, affordable vacations only few hours' drive away

Tiara Williams

staff writer

Despite my love for Manhattan and every aspect of the Wildcat community, life sometimes causes me to want to get away. With this goal in mind, I decided to take a long overdue

road trip. As a K-State sophomore who took my first plane ride this past June, driving is my usual mode of transportation. When thinking of what is nearby, fun and cheap, St. Louis instantly popped into my head.

Going through the list of things to plan, I thought: place to stay? I have family and friends there - check. What to do? See the Gateway Arch

and visit Six Flags — check. What I failed to factor in was

cost. As a poor college student, all my money goes to books, tuition, rent or groceries. I have the good fortune to have a parent paying for my college, but I recently moved from the dorms to an apartment and am testing out adulthood, with all its extra costs. Yes, I worked two jobs this summer and saved my wages, but I can

spend cash fast. I chose to take on extra jobs on campus to be able to pay for my trip to St. Louis, but many other K-State students with similar road trip desires have found other ways to fill their

need for a break. Anna Harrison, sophomore in elementary education, went on a road trip with her friend Michelle Mosher, sophomore in elementary education, to Great Bend, Kan., over the Fourth of July holiday.

"Since fireworks are illegal, besides smoke bombs, sparklers and poppers, in our hometown of Overland Park, Kan., we decided to plan a trip to Great Bend for the Fourth of July because fireworks are legal there," Harrison said.

She has family in Great Bend, so their only expenses were \$100 in gas and a \$25 meal at Russell Stover's Candy Factory in Abilene, Kan.

"That breaks down to about \$65 per person," Harrison said. 'It was fun shooting fireworks and being with family, and it

was inexpensive. I'm glad I got the opportunity to go."

Jordan Wadella, junior in marketing, went to Winter Park, Colo., with Lifestylez, a program that creates vacation opportunities for college students nationwide, after hearing about it from the KSU Snow Ski and Snowboard Club.

She said Lifestylez finds destinations for the students and provides discounts on things like ski lifts, lodging and amusement.

Wadella drove with three girls in her sorority and one of their brothers, but there was a caravan from the K-State campus to Keystone, Colo.

The package started at \$248 and covered lodging for six days and five nights, lift passes for four days, Lifestylez events and discounts for equipment rental, food and drinks. Wadella said they all stayed in condos near or on the base of the mountains, and she probably spent an extra \$100-200 on food, drinks and other entertainment.

For those looking for something a little closer than Colorado, there are other options close enough for a day trip, like Omaha, Neb., just a fivehour drive away.

Marsha Roblyer, referral coordinator in the Veterinary Medicine Teaching Hospital, said she considers the Omaha Henry Doorly Zoo to be a good family-oriented road trip. She said she initially went

to the zoo for work but then

decided to bring her family after enjoying her initial experience.

No saving is necessary for this trip. Zoo admission is \$11.50 for adults, and children age 2 and under are free. To keep things even cheaper, pack a lunch and snacks to bring along instead of buying them at the zoo. In that case, the only expense besides admission is the cost of gas to and from Omaha.

Traveling the world would be fun but is not always feasible. A road trip to nearby cities in Kansas, Missouri, Colorado or Nebraska can provide the feeling of taking a vacation without finding your bank account empty when you get



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Speaker urges students to pledge responsible phone use while driving

University of Delaware

Distracted driving due to cell phone use is now a greater problem than driving under the influence of alcohol, Christopher Massaferi of AAA Mid-Atlantic told audience members Thursday evening.

Massaferi spoke to students in the Trabant Theater on the dangers of distracted driving, especially cell phone usage, as part of National Distracted Driving Awareness Month. He said using a cell phone while driving accounts for 28 percent of traffic crashes each year.

He showed numerous videos of fatal car accidents involving cell phone use, including a segment from the Oprah Winfrey Show that recently featured the "No Phone Zone" movement.

Texting, calling and sending e-mails can be dangerous activities not only in cars, but in other places as well, Massaferi said.

"It's a growing problem," Massaferi said. "You think if you don't use a cell phone in a car you'll be all right, when in reality using a cell phone on a bicycle or just when you're walking can distract

The primary problem is distraction, he said. If a driver is distracted, it is more likely he or she will get in an accident.

"If you take a young person with tremendous reactions, and you put a cell phone in their hands, they'll have the reaction time of their grandparents," he said.

Sophomore Kevin Donahue said he thinks the campaign will change drivers' behavior the next time they go to make a phone call in the car. The videos shown had a striking emotional appeal and resonated with students because of their

graphic nature, Donahue said.

He said he was surprised by the statistics describing the percentage of people who get into accidents while using hands-free mobile technology. This technology is usu-ally thought of as the safer alternative to talking on a cell phone, when in fact it does not decrease danger at all because it may persuade a driver to talk on the phone even more, Massaferi said.

"Hands-free technology is a cognitive distraction, because I'm watching the road, but my mind is somewhere else," he said.

The campaign for safer driving began when the U.S. House of Representatives passed a resolution in March to make April National Distracted Driving Awareness Month. Locally, the Delaware Office of Highway Safety and the university's Center for Drug and Alcohol Studies support awareness efforts.

Dan Fitzgerald, vice president of Inter-Fraternity Council, assisted in organizing the event and is confident the real-life examples Massaferi used will alert attendees of the dangers of using a cell phone

while driving.
Fitzgerald said the issue is important on campus, because a lot of students were not taught these rules in their driver's education courses in high school and think they can balance driving and tex-

ting at the same time.
"Cell phones are killing more teens than drunk driving today, so it needs to be addressed," Fitzgerald said. "You think you're good at something that you're really not."

Greek life participated in this campaign and brought Massaferi to campus to have an effect on the behavior of the student body, he

"Greek Nation has the power to influence, so if we put the word out there about how dangerous it is, people should listen," Fitzgerald

Massaferi encouraged attendees to take a formal pledge to put down their cell phones while at the wheel. Each person was asked to sign the pledge and received a T-shirt bear-

ing the message, "No Phone Zone."

Members of Greek life distributed shirts and asked students to sign pledges directly following the presentation. Massaferi recommended steps

drivers can take to access their messages just as quickly without putting themselves or anyone else in danger. He said using voice mail or letting the passenger answer the phone are ways to avoid serious ac-

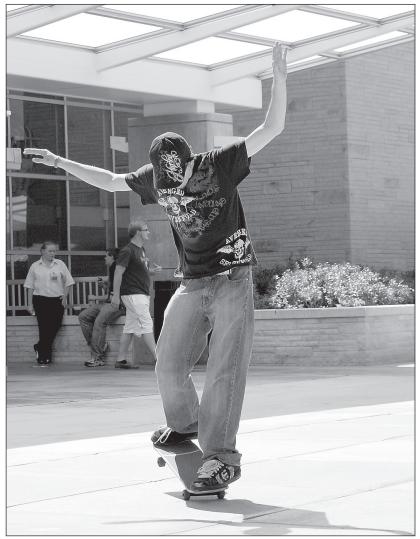
According to a recent survey, 600 out of 1,000 people interviewed admitted to risky driving habits. The AAA Traffic Safety Index reported 67 percent of people talk on their cell phone while driving.

"I don't think everyone will stop using their cell phones in the car, but even if we have one person who changes their behavior, that could potentially save a life," Fitzgerald

Massaferi closed with a call to action, but first mentioned there now is a \$50 fine for violating the cell phone hands-free law in Elsmere and Wilmington, which states that it is illegal to operate a motor vehicle or bicycle while talking on a cell phone without a hands-free

"You can take this information and your pledge and set an example for your fellow peers," he said. "Don't use a cell phone when you

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VACATION | Eden monument to free thinkers



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The east end of the Garden of Eden property is home to a pyramid and a mausoleum in which Samuel Perry Dinsmoor's body rests today, still visible to the public through a glass window on the concrete grave.

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"The Garden of Eden is unquestionably the most important grassroots art site in the state and is one of the most important such sites in the country," North said.

One intriguing feature of the Garden of Eden is the mausoleum. When Dinsmoor's first wife died, he wanted her to be entombed in the mausoleum. Her family wouldn't allow it and

instead buried her in the local cemetery.

But late one night, Dinsmoor dug up his wife, placed her in the mausoleum and poured concrete over her so she could not ever be removed.

But that is not the most extraordinary thing Dinsmoor did.

When he was 81 years old, he married a local girl named Emily Brozek who was only 21. He then had two children with her before he died at age 9 in 1932.

"He said and did what he wanted on his own terms," Blumb said.

Dinsmoor's last wish was to be mummified and placed behind a window in the mausoleum within a concrete casket he made for himself, on display for the world to

The Garden of Eden is more than just a crypt for a Civil War veteran. It's a monument to free thinking, grassroots art and

political idealism.

"In addition to learning about the tradition of grassroots art in Kansas, visitors to the Garden of Eden can learn much about the history of political thought in the state, especially as it relates to the Populist movement," North said. "Given the nature of the current economic crisis facing this country, I think many of today's visitors to the Garden of Eden will find Dinsmoor's message particularly resonant."

STUDENT | Experience cause for adjustments

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me that you could get alcohol in to-go cups at almost any restaurant or bar.

Q: Did you experience the dating scene at all? Was there a difference in male/female interactions?

No. One thing that was interesting though was that guys make catcalls at females walking down the street, I do not think we ever went anywhere without being honked at, told that we were beautiful, blown kisses at and even had guys tell us they love us, in English.

Q: What did you do for fun without alcohol?

Went salsa dancing, went on road trips, went shopping or just spent time with our Costa Rican family.

Q: How popular were tobacco and/or other drugs?

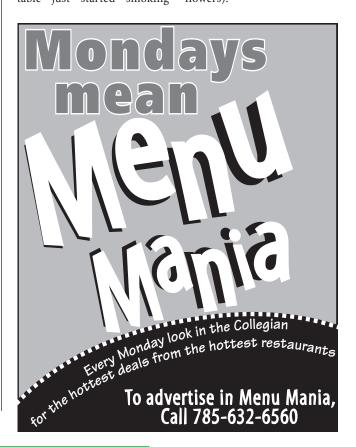
In one area we visited, Puerto Viejo, they were very open about marijuana. We were sitting at the hostel bar and the group at the next table just started smoking and passing a joint right out in the open like it was no big deal. Cigarettes were about the same popularity as they are here; some people smoked, some did not. Cigarettes in Costa Rica were a lot cheaper. Marlboros were about \$2 a pack.

Q: What was the biggest difference from K-State/biggest adjustment you had to

Tico Time. I arrived to class on time every day, just to wait around for my professor to be ready to start class. Also the guys yelling on the streets.

Q: What did you miss most about the United States/K-State? What do you miss most about that country now?

Just being around my family and friends here in the U.S. But it was pretty easy to keep in contact with them; we could e-mail or IM almost every night, whenever the Internet was working. The thing I miss most about Costa Rica is all the beautiful scenery (mountains/volcanos/trees/flowers)





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